

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, June 23, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Beinn Bhreagh, Victoria County, Cape Breton, N. S. Tuesday, June 23rd (1896) My dear Alec:

It is going on one o'clock, but Mr. McCurdy came over this evening so that we might make an early start tomorrow morning for camp, and now we are waiting up to hear the latest reports from all over Canada. At this writing the Liberals have 90 seats against the Government sixty, and Baddeck is painting itself red. Across the still moonlighted waters of the lake comes the sound of the rejoicing in town, yells of "Laurier, Laurier." I must say my sympathies are entirely with them, after the way Sir Charles tried to work up on you, I cannot feel the sympathy for him I did when he was here. Sam Campbell is defeated however, Dr. Bethune winning by 140. Campbell however, had a majority of fifteen in Baddeck and Mr. McCurdy says that Bethune's majority comes almost entirely from the two Catholic constituencies, Grand Narrows and Bay of St. Lawrence, so that if they were eliminated from the reckoning Campbell would have won. Johnny McKillop was here a few minutes ago, he says he was the last man to vote in Baddeck, and as the Liberals thought he was against them they tried to prevent his voting. But he cast his vote for Campbell, and so did John McAulay who went further and got four votes from his friends. Mr. Arthur McCurdy brought Mr. Harrington to dinner here today. He said that he saw you at the Grand Narrows and you asked him for estimates for an Artesian well here, and also when he would come. He seems very confident that he could get water here at 500 ft. This would cost 2 \$1500.00 or three dollars a foot so I suppose we can't think of it. Mr. McCurdy is going to have him bore a well at Crescent Grove for him.

I received your telegram about Elsie's going to Philadelphia with you this morning. I don't think I altogether approve, but of course if you want her and she wants to stay there is no

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real reason why she should not. Don't you think you might send her up with Grace, then she would have several days of the meeting and yet not have to wait while you go down to Colonial Beach. I should rather like to see my little girl myself. Her room is all ready for her and looks so pretty and fresh.

Daisy and I have been working hard all day up in the attic, and downstairs sewing. Tomorrow we go to Camp to see that all is going on right with Papa's new house. We only stay over one day probably and will be back on Saturday anyhow as Mr. McCurdy wants to be home to welcome Susie who comes that day. My first rhododendrons are out, beauties they. I was inundating the iris again this afternoon, I don't think them especially pretty however.

No more news yet, I think it rather foolish losing one's beauty sleep this way, so will close. I miss you constantly, dear how are you? I am going to send this to Philadelphia, you don't give me any address. Give my love to my little girl.

As ever yours,